



Rule Up For Discussion

Proposed Amendments to

WAC 230-40-070

Licensee to furnish all cards, chips and other services.

ITEM 14 (a) on the May 14, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Staff, at the request of licensees.	
Why is this rule change needed?	
<p>This rule requires house-banked card operators which hold a Class F, and Class E over 5 tables, license to use logo cards. Logo cards provide a security feature to discourage/prevent other cards from being introduced into a game from an outside source which may compromise the integrity of a card game.</p> <p>Several Class E and Class F licensees are finding it difficult to obtain logo cards. This is due to fewer manufacturers making logo cards, especially in the smaller quantities these smaller operators request (compared to the larger house-banked card rooms). These card rooms have requested the ability to use non-logo cards.</p> <p>Staff feel house-banked card games and any games offering a player-supported jackpot should continue to use logo cards. However, staff does not have regulatory concerns with Class E and Class F licensees using non-logo cards in games that do not have a player-supported jackpot.</p> <p>The proposed amendment allows Class E and Class F licensees to use non-logo cards, only in games that do not offer a player-supported jackpot. This change will affect approximately six licensees.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Card rooms.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Further discussion.	
Proposed effective date.	
August 9, 2004, assuming the rule is adopted at the July 9, 2004, Commission meeting to become effective 31 days from filing.	